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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ON MAY 20 VISIT HERE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE GENEVA BASED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FEDERATION (FIHR). SYG, WHO IS NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED, MET WITH KURDISH OFFICIALS OF THE AUTONOMOUS REGION AND WAS INFORMED OF PLANS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS OF KURDISH POPULATION. THE REPORT SPECIFIES THAT ID258 MILLION (OVER 877 MILLION DOLLARS) HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IN THE 1977 BUDGET FOR DEVELOPING PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE REGION.

2. SYG REPORTEDLY PRAISED IRAQ FOR ITS RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION. HE IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING, "THE ENEMIES OF YOUR REVOLUTION, AMONG THEM THE IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARIES, ARE FABRICATING BASELESS BUT DELIBERATE ALLEGATIONS, IN A HOPELESS BUD TO DISTORT ITS STANDS."

3. USINT IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH FIHR AND WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT BY US MISSION GENEVA ON ABOVE REPORTS.
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